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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP ART UNIT 2861

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
NAOJI OTSUKA, ET AL. )  
Appln. No.: 09/768,464 )  
Filed: January 25, 2001 )  
For: BIDIRECTIONAL PRINTING )  
METHOD AND APPARATUS )  
WITH REDUCED COLOR )  
UNEVENNESS )

Examiner: T. Nguyen  
Group Art Unit: 2861  
October 21, 2003

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Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Official Action

dated May 21, 2003, for two (2) months from August 21, 2003 to October 21, 2003. A

check in the amount of \$420.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

Introductory Comments

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

A printing apparatus, ~~for forming~~ which forms a color image by applying different color inks to a printing material while bi-directionally moving the recording head to scan the recording material, ~~the apparatus~~ includes a changing means unit for changing an order of applications of the inks of different colors to be applied at least at one amount for printing a secondary color to a secondary color pixel area; and a forming means unit for forming the secondary color while making the order of applications of the inks to at least one of a plurality of the secondary color pixel areas arranged along a predetermined direction different from the order of another, by the changing means unit.

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